

CAPSULE SUMMARY

BA-2910

Odd Fellows Hall, Providence Lodge Number 116, I.O.O.F.

6 Ingleside Avenue

Catonsville, Baltimore County

1908

Private

The Odd Fellows Hall, Providence Lodge Number 116, I.O.O.F. was constructed along the east side of Ingleside Avenue in Catonsville, Maryland. Representative of the social organizations in the growing village, the Colonial Revival style building has been home to the Catonsville chapter of the International Order of Odd Fellows (I.O.O.F.) since its construction in 1908. As Catonsville entered the 20th century, the community emerged into a growing suburban center, complete with residential housing developments, religious buildings, educational facilities and the supporting social institutions, one of which was the Odd Fellows Hall on Ingleside Avenue.

This Colonial Revival-style meeting hall at 6 Ingleside Avenue is two stories high and three bays wide, augmented by a two-story rear addition. Featuring a rectangular plan, the building rests upon a slightly raised random-rubble stone foundation. A cornerstone at the foundation level on the façade documents the construction date of the building as 1908. It is constructed of brick, laid in Flemish bond, and accented by rough-cut lug sills and lintels of granite. The corners of the walls are edged with slightly projecting bricks to suggest quoins, watertable, and frieze. This detail is found on the façade and side elevations. The shallow pitched hipped roof, clad with slate tiles, is finished with an overhanging wood cornice with modillions and an ogee molding. A tall brick chimney at the rear heats the main block of the building. This chimney has a stylized Victorian-era cap, with corbeling and a cross gable top pierced by segmental-arched openings. A two-story, one-bay deep brick addition with a flat roof is located at the rear of the building, wrapping around the northeast corner. All of the windows have been replaced by 1/1 vinyl sash.

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1. Name of Property

historic Odd Fellows Hall, Providence Lodge No. 116 I.O.O.F.

other

2. Location

street and number 6 Ingleside Avenue not for publication

city, town Baltimore, Maryland _ vicinity

county Baltimore

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Providence Lodge Number 116 I.O.O.F

street and number	6 Ingleside Avenue	telephone	410.744.6906
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city, town	Baltimore	state	Maryland	zip code	21228
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4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore County Courthouse tax map and parcel m: 101, p: 1748

city, town	Towson,	liber	332	folio 049
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5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category	Ownership	Current Function		Resource Count	
___district	___public	___agriculture	___landscape	Contributing	Noncontributing
<u>X</u> building(s)	<u>X</u> private	___commerce/trade	___recreation/culture	<u>1</u>	___ buildings
___structure	___both	___defense	___religion	___	___ sites
___site		___domestic	<u>X</u> social	___	___ structures
___object		___education	___transportation	___	___ objects
		___funerary	___work in progress	<u>1</u>	___ Total
		___government	___unknown		
		___health care	___vacant/not in use		
		___industry	___other:		
				Number of Contributing Resources previously listed in the Inventory	
				0	

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one-paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Built in 1908, this Colonial Revival-style meeting hall at 6 Ingleside Avenue is two stories high and three bays wide, augmented by a two-story rear addition. The masonry building is located in the town of Catonsville at the southeast corner of Ingleside Avenue and Orban Avenue, and has a paved parking area to the rear. Featuring a rectangular plan, the building rests upon a slightly raised random-rubble stone foundation. A cornerstone at the foundation level on the façade documents the construction date of the building as 1908. It is constructed of brick, laid in Flemish bond, and accented by rough-cut lug sills and lintels of granite. The corners of the walls are edged with slightly projecting bricks to suggest quoins, watertable, and frieze. This detail is found on the façade and side elevations. The shallow pitched hipped roof, clad with slate tiles, is finished with an overhanging wood cornice with modillions and an ogee molding. A tall brick chimney at the rear heats the main block of the building. This chimney has a stylized Victorian-era cap, with corbeling and a cross gable top pierced by segmental-arched openings. A two-story, one-bay deep brick addition with a flat roof is located at the rear of the building, wrapping around the northeast corner. All of the windows have been replaced by 1/1 vinyl sash.

EXTERIOR

The three-bay wide façade faces Ingleside Avenue to the west, and features a central entry. Marked by a double-leaf wood replacement door with recessed panels, the opening is accessed by stone and brick steps. It is deeply recessed within the plane of the brick wall. A stained glass transom above the door has the lettering, "Providence Lodge No 116 IOOF." The entry is surrounded by a slightly projecting brick surround and a corbeled brick cornice supported by a rock-faced lug granite lintel. An enclosed tympanum of wood is set at the top of the corbeled cornice. The symmetrical façade is fenestrated by elongated double-hung window openings flanking the entry on the first story and standard window openings on the second story. Between the second story openings is an applied rectangular stone plaque with a stylized insignia of the Odd Fellows carved in low relief.

The south elevation, facing a paved drive to the rear of the property, is four bays wide with a one-bay wide addition. This elevation features paired and single window openings symmetrically placed on the first and second stories. It is pierced at the foundation level by three windows with metal grills. The first and second stories of the main block have three paired windows and a single window openings in the rear bay. The addition is pierced on the first story with paired window openings with a single opening on the second story. Like the façade, all of the openings are framed with rough-cut lug granite sills and lintels.

The east elevation of the building is dominated by the two-story rear addition. This addition features a flat stuccoed wall surface, devoid of window or door openings. The north elevation, also fronting a paved drive to the rear of the property, is similar to the south elevation. The main block measures four bays wide with the one-bay wide rear addition wrapping around the northeast corner to provide an entry bay. The foundation of the main block is pierced by two windows with metal grills, and also features a basement

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entry in the western end. The entry is set below grade with concrete steps and surrounded by a wrought-iron balustrade. The opening holds a single-leaf wood door. The first and second stories of the main block have three paired windows and a single window openings in the rear bay. The addition is pierced on the first story with paired window openings with a single opening on the second story. Again, like the façade, all of the openings are framed with rough-cut lug granite sills and lintels. The western side of the addition contains a single-leaf paneled wood door, sheltered by an entrance hood with wood bracket supports.

The interior was not accessible at the time of the survey.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts	
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:	

Significance dates 1908-1950 **Architect** Unknown

Specific dates 1908 **Builder** Unknown

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance reports, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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HISTORY

The Odd Fellows Hall on Ingleside Avenue is one of two extant Odd Fellows Halls in Catonsville, the other being situated along Winters Lane. Providence Lodge Number 116 was organized in Catonsville on February 19, 1870. The Providence Lodge originally met in the basement of the Providence Methodist Episcopal Church on Bloomsbury Avenue. Charter members of this social organization included Albert Smith, J. W. McCauley, Israel Heacock, William Roussey, Elias J. Hill, John J. Pilert, August Schotta, William J. Reese, and Samuel Owens. As the original meeting space became unsuitable, the lodge moved to the third floor of Joseph Fusting's store at the intersection of Frederick Road and Ingleside Avenue. Yet, as membership grew, the Odd Fellows began to look for a larger, more permanent meeting place.¹ On June 16, 1873, the cornerstone of a new building was laid at the intersection of Frederick Road and Newburg Avenue. The building committee purchased the stone and bricks used to construct the building from the old St. Timothy's Hall, which had burned down on July 29, 1872.² The dedication of the building took place on August 3, 1874 and was attended by lodge members Samuel C. Hurd, Augustus Schaub, D. A. Bohlkin, E. J. Hill, Jacob Freund, J. S. Wilson, Jacob Zennes, Albert Smith, and Samuel W. Owens.³ Based on historical records and photographs, the three-story building, measuring 30 x 60 feet, was constructed of wood frame with a front gable roof. It was three bays in

¹ Jean Walsh, "Pages from the Past," *Catonsville Times*, February 15, 1995.

² Walsh, "Pages from the Past."

³ J. Thomas Scharf, *History of Baltimore City and County from the Earliest Period to the Present Day: Including Biographical Sketches of Their Representative Men*, (Philadelphia, PA: Louis H. Everts, 1881), p. 821.

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width with 2/2 windows at both the second and third stories. A three-bay wide front porch with square post supports and a rooftop balustrade dominated the first story. Beneath the porch, storefront windows flanked the centered entry.⁴ Locally known as Newburg Hall, the meeting hall at 901 Frederick Road was listed on the 1899 Sanborn Fire Insurance Map as the I.O.O.F. Hall. At this time, the order had approximately 400 members. Newburg Hall was considered the center of social and political life, with a restaurant and saloon on the first floor and public halls and meeting rooms on the upper two floors. In the 1880s, the Women's Christian Temperance Union reading room replaced the saloon.⁵ The Catonsville lodge of Odd Fellows also had a cemetery associated with it, first appearing on historic maps in 1898. The Odd Fellows Cemetery is located off of Old Frederick Road, to the northeast of the Mount de Sales Academy.

Demolished in 1903 to accommodate the construction of the Salem Lutheran Church, the Odd Fellows were forced to look for a new location to construct another lodge. It is not known where the Odd Fellows met in the intervening years between the demolition of Newburg Hall and the construction of the present day hall on Ingleside Avenue.

In 1908, the Odd Fellows purchased the lot of land to the rear of the First National Bank of Catonsville for \$750. Elizabeth Gaskery, the widow of Henry J. Gaskery, who had purchased the land in 1874, has previously owned the property. Gaskery had sold the property to the First National Bank of Catonsville in April 1901 for \$6,500. Seven years later, the site was subdivided and the rear portion conveyed by the bank to the officers of the Providence Lodge.

The Odd Fellows Hall along Ingleside Avenue first appears on the Sanborn Fire Insurance Maps of 1910, where it is listed as both the I.O.O.F. Hall and offices. The footprint of the hall did not undergo any changes between 1908 and 1930. However, on the 1958 Sanborn Map, the building was enlarged by a two-story rear addition, which is still present today. In 1919, a second lodge was established in Catonsville at 58 Winter's Lane. This building was designated as the "Negro" lodge, serving the African-American community that surrounded it

⁴ Edward Orser and Joseph Arnold, *Catonsville 1880 to 1940 from Village to Suburb*, (Norfolk, VA: The Donning Company Publishers, 1989), p. 18.

⁵ Orser and Arnold, p. 18.

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The Independent Order of the Odd Fellows

The Independent Order of the Odd Fellows is an international organization with the Sovereign Grand Lodge based in the United States. The earliest printed record of an Odd Fellows Lodge appears in a reference to a 1748 lodge meeting at a Globe Tavern in England. This lodge was numbered nine, suggesting there were at least nine associated lodges at the time. Other written evidence suggests the Odd Fellows were in an organization known originally as the Ancient Order of Bucks, which thrived in England in the 18th century and had as its emblem three bucks with their antlers intertwined. Regardless of the organizations founding, the Order eventually migrated to America from England, with the first Shakespeare lodge formed in New York City in 1806. The Independent Order of Odd Fellows was established in 1819 in Baltimore with the founding of the Washington Lodge No. 1. A member of the London Odd Fellow Lodge in 1804, English immigrant Thomas Wildey, along with four other English immigrants, organized the Washington Lodge on April 26, 1819. Interestingly, the Baltimore Order and the New York Order did not know of each others existence for a number of years. Wildey traveled throughout the United States to set up lodges of the newly formed fraternity. By the time of his death in 1861, there were more than 200,000 members in forty-two states.⁶

The primary activities of this organization are "to visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan."⁷ To aid in the goal of burying the dead, the Odd Fellows often had cemeteries associated with their lodges. Other forms of aid involved helping those in need by providing services such as purchasing groceries, a cord of wood, or a visiting nurse to care for those who are ill. The symbol of the Odd Fellows is three, unbroken, chained links, often featuring the letters F, L, and T. The F, L, and T in the symbol represent "Friendship, Love and Truth." Many joined to participate in the social activities associated with the lodge, such as meetings, dinners, and dances.

Chain of Title:

February 3, 1874: James Gibbons to Henry Gaskery
Land Records of Baltimore County
Liber 88 Folio 485

⁶ "Thomas Wildey (1782-1861): The Founder of the I.O.O.F." Located on the Internet on March 10, 2000
http://www.ioof.nl/history/e_wildey.html.

⁷ Don R. Smith and Wayne Roberts. "Our Duty Then and Now and in the Future," an excerpt from *The Three Link Fraternity – Odd Fellowship in California*. Located on the Internet on December 14, 1999 <http://128.125.109.137/IOOF/Books/IOOFDuty.html>.

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February 3, 1900:	Henry J. Gaskery devised to wife, Elizabeth Gaskery Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 242 Folio 564
April 8, 1901:	Elizabeth Gaskery to First National Bank of Catonsville Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 249 Folio 419
June 26, 1908:	First National Bank of Catonsville to Providence Lodge No. 16 I.O.O.F Rear Portion of Property Land Records of Baltimore County Liber 332 Folio 049

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HISTORIC CONTEXT:

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PRESERVATION PLAN DATA

Geographic Organization:	Piedmont
Chronological/Developmental Period(s):	Industrial/Urban Dominance (1870-1930) Modern Period (1930-Present)
Historic Period Theme(s):	Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Community Planning Social/Education/Cultural
Resource Type:	
Category:	Building
Historic Environment:	Town
Historic Function(s) and Use(s):	SOCIAL/Meeting Hall
Known Design Source:	Unknown

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of project area	<u>Less than one acre</u>	
Acreage surveyed	<u>Less than one acre</u>	
Quadrangle name	<u>Baltimore West, MD</u>	Quadrangle scale <u>1:24,000</u>

Verbal boundary description and justification

The Odd Fellows Hall, Providence Lodge Number 16, I.O.O.F. is located at 6 Ingleside Avenue in Catonsville, Maryland as noted on Tax Map 101, Parcel 1748. The meeting hall has been associated with this site since its construction in 1908.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Robin J. Weidlich and Laura V. Trieschmann, Architectural Historians
organization	EHT Traceries, Inc.
street & number	5420 Western Avenue
city or town	Chevy Chase, Maryland

The Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 supplement.

The survey and inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

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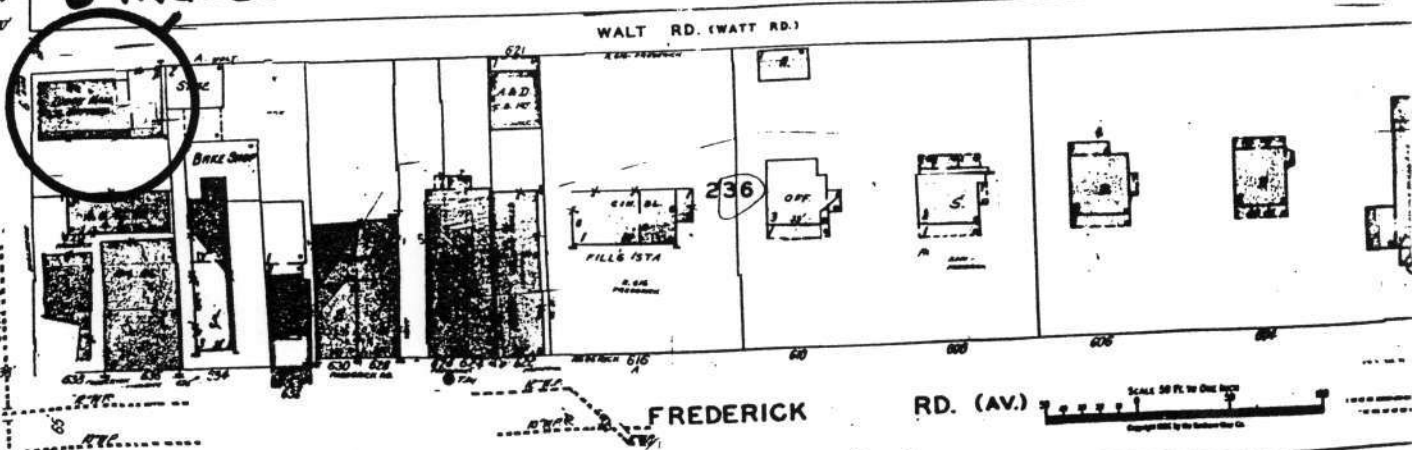
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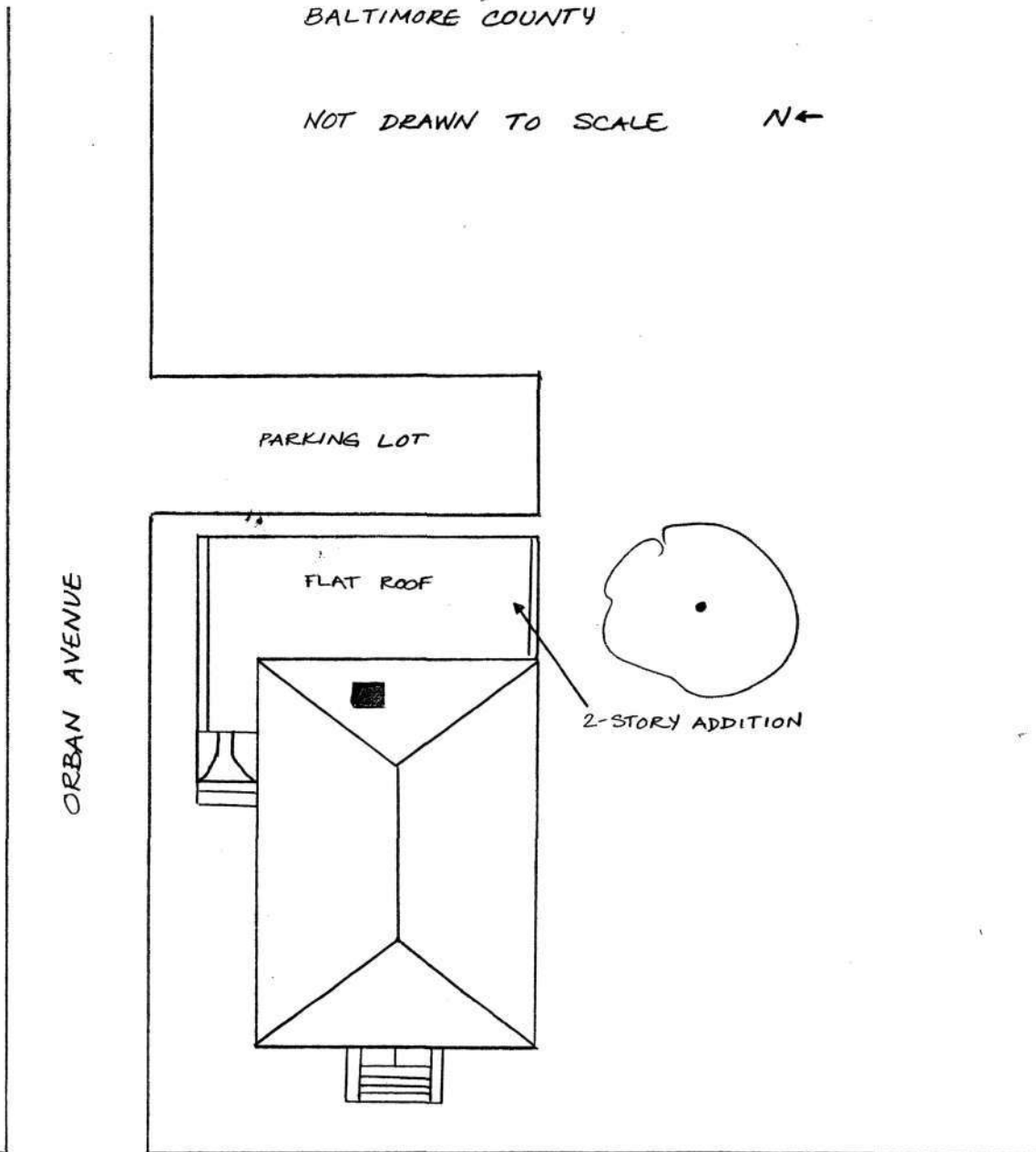
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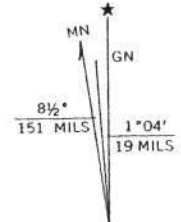
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USGS Quad Map: Baltimore West

INCORRECT
LOCATION



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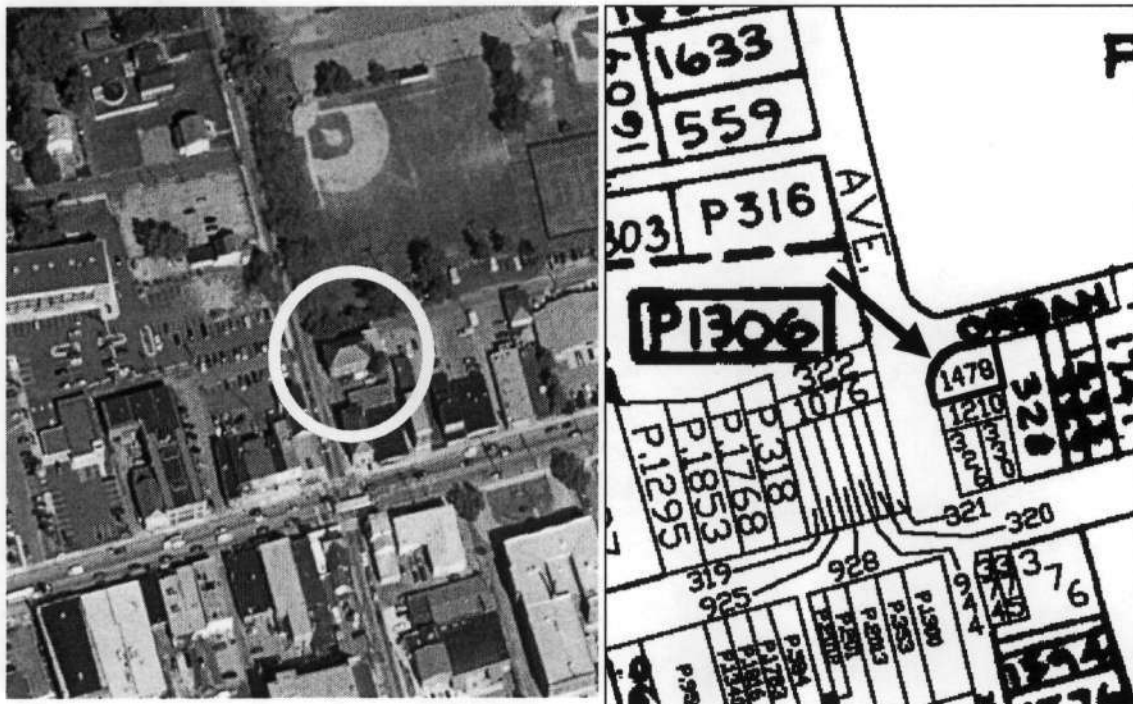
6 Ingleside Avenue, Catonsville

Baltimore West quadrangle



Mapquest aerial photo, c. 2007

Tax Map 101, p. 1478





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west elevation LOOKING EAST

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Maryland SHPO

South elevation LOOKING NORTHEAST

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Traceries

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Maryland SHPO

east elevation LOOKING SOUTHWEST

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north elevation LOOKING SOUTHEAST

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